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1. Economic conditions are poor in south Priangan, Bantam and the Residency of Cheribon, largely as a result of guerrilla activities. In the areas where fighting occurs, people do not work in the fields.
2. The Dutch, in their attempts to suppress the popular support which the villagers give to the guerrillas, have resorted to the use of force, propaganda having failed. Dutch punitive measures include the shooting of people, the destruction of villages and communal and individual food supplies, but the will of the people has not been broken.
3. As a result of Dutch activity, people in Dawuan, Krawang, Kuningan, Sumedang, Purwakarta, Tjikampek, Tjililin, Garut, Sukabumi, Tjiandjur, Sangkasbitung and Serang, have been giving increased support to the guerrillas.
4. Village trade has been curtailed, and the natives are reluctant to go to the cities to sell goods for fear of being accused of spying for the guerrillas. Vendors are employed by the Dutch as counterintelligence agents, causing guerrilla suppression of these people.
5. Republican money only is valid in the villages, and an organization has been established for the regular exchange of goods with the cities.
6. The value of Republican currency has decreased in the Tjikampek and Batavia areas, largely because of the circulation of forged notes by the Chinese who hoard coins. Civilian authorities of the "guerrilla government" frequently hold mass meetings to explain the monetary system and to gain the cooperation of the people.
7. In mountain areas, where the guerrillas are most active, efforts are being made to promote agriculture in order to create self-sufficiency.
8. People in the cities have been supporting the guerrillas, as have village chiefs in guerrilla controlled territories. This activity has been of great concern to the Dutch civil administration.

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